GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION ON DEFENCE LAND
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in contravention of the Government orders, an Air Force unit got defence land cultivated by private persons/ex-land owners and an amount of Rs. 69.29 lakh earned therefrom during 1988-97 and wrongly credited to non-public fund; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter and to fix accountability in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) At Air Force Station, Halwara, cultivation of defence land was undertaken through ex-land owners, employed as security cleared labour and not by private parties, in accordance with the then existing instructions. Even after the policy of the cultivation of the defence land was revised in December, 1995, the Air Force Station, Halwara continued to cultivate the said land through ex-land owners and deposited an amount of Rs. 23.11 lakh to the Public fund, and Rs. 69.29 lakh to the Non-Public fund, out of the total profit of Rs. 93.00 lakh.

(b) The matter has been pointed out by Audit Authorities in the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (C&AG)`s Report No. 8 of 2000, which is under examination.